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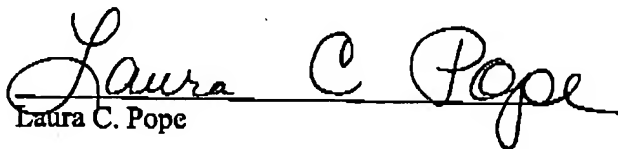
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the specification of which (check one):

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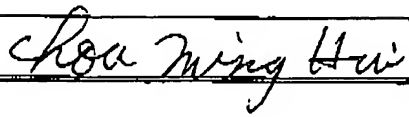

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STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled NON-WATER-SOLUBLE MATERIALS SEPARATION DEVICE described in

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a) ☒ the specification filed herewith.b) ☐ application serial no. _____ filed _____c) ☐ patent no. _____, issued _____

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